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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

February 23, 2006

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

With regard to the Interview Summary dated February 8, 2006, the following is Applicants' record of the substance of the interview as required by the Examiner.

Applicants discussed the background of the invention. With regard to the Section 102 rejections, we proposed that the limitations of claims 2 and 5 be incorporated into the independent claim. We also discussed the specification's description and enabling disclosure for the claims to overcome the Section 112 rejections.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required to complete the record of the substance of the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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